

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following Listing of Claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A device for inspecting filled and sealed containers, the device comprising: a first carousel [[(3)]] comprising driving elements for rotating containers about their longitudinal axes such that in which the containers [[(F)]] that are to be tested inspected can be rotated about their longitudinal axis so that the contents in the containers begin to rotate at a sufficient speed to cause any foreign bodies that might be present to be stirred up from the bottom of the vessel containers, and a second carousel [[(4)]] which follows the first carousel [[(3)]] in the direction of conveyance for conveying containers with a bottom clearance, the second carousel being assigned at least one inspection device [[(20)]] that operates by the dark field method for detecting light scattering foreign bodies in the container contents, and the first and second carousels [[(3, 4)]] are arranged side by side with their partial circles tangent so that the containers [[(F)]] can be transferred directly from the first carousel [[(3)]] to the second carousel [[(4)]].

2. (Currently amended) The device according to Claim 1, [[and]] further comprising a star wheel [[(2)]] which transports the containers with a bottom clearance and is arranged upstream from the first carousel [[(3)]] as seen in the direction of transport and is assigned one of at least one bottom blow-off device [[(10)]] and a bottom inspection station [[(11)]] that operates by the bright field method.

3. (Currently amended) The device according to Claim 1, [[and]] further comprising an intake inspection [[(9)]] for one of checking the filling levels and the container closures, the intake inspection [[is]] provided one of upstream from the star wheel [[(2)]] and the first carousel [[(3)]].

4. (Currently amended) The device according to Claim 3, wherein unsealed containers are not transferred from the star wheel [[(2)]] or the first carousel [[(3)]].

5. (Currently amended) The device according to Claim 1, wherein the first carousel [[(3)]] has multiple drivable rotating tables [[(12)]] on a partial circle, said [[disks]] tables being engageable or disengageable in a frictionally locked manner via controllable magnetic couplings [[(23, 27)]] with a drive element of the driving elements that all the rotating tables have in common [[(14,15)]].

6. (Currently amended) The device according to Claim 5, wherein the magnetic couplings [[(23, 27)]] are hysteresis clutches with a variable torque.

7. (Currently amended) The device according to Claim 1, [[and]] further comprising luminescent screens [[(18, 19)]] that are diametrically opposed and are adapted to the curvature of the path so they are equidistant, the luminescent screens [[are]] provided in at least some sections on both sides of the peripheral path of the second carousel [[(4,)] and simultaneously lighting up the containers [[(F)]] laterally at the same time while the bottom is being photographed.

8. (Currently amended) The device according to Claim 7, wherein the luminescent screens [[(18, 19)]] are equipped with LEDs that can be triggered in a pulsating pattern and are always triggerable simultaneously with a photograph of the bottom.